(b) and (c) Since 1.4.1997 no fresh investment of PF contributions is being made in SDS account and hence the question of investment of fresh incremental accretions *at* a different rate in a separate SDS account does not rise. The investment pattern notified with effect from 1.4.1997 also docs not provide for investment in SDS account.

Women Labour in the Country

†577. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women labour presently in the country specially in Uttaranchal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Punjab;

(b) out of them the number of women labourers engaged in hazardous industries;

(c) whether reproductive organs of the said women labourers have badly affected due to continuous working in hazardous industries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to betaken to ban their employment in these hazardous industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) According to 1991 Census, the total female work force in the country, including women labourers is 8,97,67,563, State-wise numbers of these workers arc indicated in Annexure.

(c) and (d) There arc special protective provisions prohibiting/regulating the working conditions of women workers in hazardous industries/areas in various statutes. This includes the Factories Act, 1948 and Model Rules framed thereunder which prohibit employment of women workers in dangerous processes/operations and the Mines Act, 1952, which prohibits employment of women workers below ground. No specific study has been conducted to access whether reproductory organs of women arc badly affected as a result of being employed in hazardous industries.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Regarding Women Labour in the Country

State-wise Number of Female Workers (1991 census)

SI. No.	State/UT.	No. of workers
	INDIA	8,97,67,563
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,252,643
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	149,789
3.	Assam	2,324,535
4.	Bihar	6,116,974
5.	Goa	117,977
6.	Gujarat	5,180,886
7.	Haryana	821,299
8.	Himachal Pradesh	888,985
9.	Karnataka	6,472,816
10.	Kerala	2,347,268
11.	Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	10,430,890
12.	Maharashtra	12,617,454
13.	Manipur	350,134
14.	Meghalaya	302,853
15.	Mizoram	143,964
16.	Nagaland	215,722
17.	Orissa	3,241,991
18.	Punjab	418,646
19.	Rajasthan	5,744,129
20.	Sikkim	57,790
21.	Tamil Nadu	8,236,872
22.	Tripura	184,333
23.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal)	8,019,310
24.	West Bengal	3,662,855
25.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	16,584
26.	Chandigarh	29,443
27.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	32,944
28.	Daman & Diu	11,584
29.	Delhi	314,076
30.	Lakshadweep	1,906
31.	Pondicherry	60,911
	TOTAL:	8,97,67,563

NOTE: Census was not held in Jammu and Kashmir in 1991.